

IN THE DRAWING:

Proposed drawing corrections are submitted herewith in accordance with a *Proposal for Correction of the Drawing* which accompanies this amendment as a separate document.

Applicant requests approval to submit corrected drawings as shown by the accompanying packet of seven (7) REPLACEMENT sheets for FIGURES 1 through 7 inclusively. (Albeit, there is a further drawing sheet attached to the Proposal, consisting of a copy of the sixth sheet, with FIGURES 5 and 6 thereon, comprising an amendment version of FIGURE 5 to show changes thereto in red).

Overall, the drawing on the REPLACEMENT SHEETS are direct copies of the drawing of record. No new matter is presented. Generally, only line drawing is substituted for photographic images. In connection with FIGURE 5, the specific correction thereto involves insertion of reference numeral "81" only, as shown in the amendment version thereof. Again, no new matter is presented.

Approval of the proposed changes is respectfully requested. Upon allowance, applicant will submit formal drawings (if required) embodying the approved changes, as explained in the separate Proposal for the Correction of the Drawing.

REMARKS

This *Amendment* is responsive to the Official Action mailed January 11, 2007, and is accompanied by:

- a Proposal for Correction of the Drawing,
- a Packet of seven (7) REPLACEMENT sheets of drawing, and
- a Petition for extension of time and the required fee.

The replacement drawings do not add any new matter.

I.

Claims 2-5 and 13-16 are pending. In addition to claims 6-11 which were previously canceled, claims 1, 12 and 17 have been canceled hereby, without prejudice.

II.

In the Official Action, the drawings were objected to because Figures 2C and 6 are photocopies of photographs and hence hard to decipher. Additionally, the drawings were objected to because they did not include reference numeral "81" as recited in the written description. Correction was required.

Accordingly, proposed drawing corrections are submitted herewith in accordance with a *Proposal for Correction of the Drawing* which accompanies this amendment as a separate document.

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Overall, the drawing on the REPLACEMENT SHEETS are direct copies of the drawing of record. No new matter is presented. Generally, only line drawing is substituted for photographic images.

However, in connection with FIGURE 5, the specific correction thereto involves insertion of reference numeral "81" only, as shown in the amendment version thereof. Again, no new matter is presented.

Approval of the proposed changes is respectfully requested. Upon allowance, applicant will submit formal drawings (if required) embodying the approved changes, as explained in the separate Proposal for the Correction of the Drawing.

III.

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in connection with recitation of "plate stock." Applicant has canceled claim 17, without prejudice, in order to obviate this rejection. Withdrawal of this rejection is appropriate and is hereby requested.

IV.

To turn to the merits, claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the reference of Moses et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,476,251). Claims 1, 12 and 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the reference of Mitchell (U.S. Patent No. 5,375,871) in view of Moses et al.

Applicant is pleased that claims 4 and 5 are allowed and that claims 2-3 and 13-14 are considered to define over the prior art of record.

Reconsideration of claims 2-3 and 13-16 are respectfully requested. The claims as amended or now presented more particularly and distinctly define the subject matter of the invention and better distinguish over the prior art. The differences between the invention and the prior art of record are such that the subject matter claimed as a whole is not shown by the prior art to have been known or obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made.

Claim 2 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of independent claim 1, which has been canceled without prejudice. Hence claim 2 is allowable in accordance with the official action. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 2 and is allowable not only

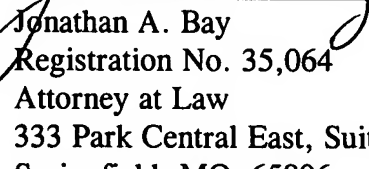
in accordance with the reasons for claim 2 but for independent reasons for its subject matter as a whole. Allowance of claims 2 and 3 is appropriate and is hereby requested.

Claim 13 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of independent claim 12, which has been canceled without prejudice. Hence claim 13 is allowable in accordance with the official action. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 13 (pending claim 16 depends from claim 15). Claims 14-16 are allowable not only in accordance with the reasons for claim 12 but otherwise allowable for independent reasons for their subject matter as whole. Allowance of these claims is appropriate and is hereby respectfully requested.

Every effort has been made to particularly and distinctly define the subject matter of the invention. The claims are definite, and are patentable over the prior art of record. The differences between the invention and the prior art are such that the subject matter claimed as a whole would not have been known or obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art. Reconsideration, and allowance of all the pending claims, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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